

Columbus Crusader

Newsletter of Our Lady of Light Council 10498 in Estero, FL
Roman Catholic Brothers in Christ, Chartered in 1990



July 2026

Charity, Unity, Fraternity,
Patriotism

Officers for 2026-2027 Fraternal Year

Grand Knight: Stefan Gehrold
Deputy GK: Frank Esposito
Chancellor: Jeremy Brown
Recorder: Bob Lehman
Treasurer: Joe Ercolino
Advocate: Don Fiscella

Warden: Ron Molinaro
Inside Guard: Brent Labreche
Outside Guard: Frank Valvo
Trustee 1yr: Todd Junker
Trustee 2yr: Felix De Los Santos,
Jr.

Trustee 3yr: Bob Dumont
Fin Secretary: Ron Kuhnen
Lecturer: Pat Becker
Field Agent: Todd Camron
District Deputy: Steve McPhillips
Chaplain: Fr. Michael Young

Next Month General Membership Meeting: Tuesday, July 7, 2026 at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center. Food and refreshments will be provided.



Our new **Field Agent** is **Todd Camron**

I want to take this opportunity to thank Past Grand Knight Jim Mendolera and the rest of the 2025-2026 Officers for their leadership in attaining Star Council.

This past month, our Council participated in the Corpus Christi adoration by setting up an altar in the Parish Center for the 10:30 Mass. We also hosted the Liberty Ball on 6/20 and served a pancake breakfast on 6/28.

July/August Calendar of Events

July 7th—Business Meeting — 7:00 PM in the Parish Center. Food and refreshments will be provided.

July 30th—Planning Meeting — 7:00 PM in the Classroom 302.

August 4th—Business Meeting — 7:00 PM in the Parish Center. Food and refreshments will be provided.

August 22nd—Setup for Breakfast ---12:00 PM in the Parish Center. Your help is appreciated.

August 23rd---Pancake Breakfast--- Served after all Sunday Masses. Help is always needed and appreciated especially after the 10:30 Mass to serve and cleanup.

August 27th—Planning Meeting — 7:00 PM in the Classroom 302.

August 30th---Fifth Sunday Rosary 10:00 AM in Church

From the Grand Knight

Submitted by Deputy Grand Knight Frank Esposito

Hello my Brother Knights,
Congratulations to the **June Knight of the Month, Chuck Stellwag**

And the **June Family of the Month, Brother Frank “Cheech” Valvo and his wife Connie**

Happy Independence Day to all my fellow knights and your Families. Enjoy and stay safe as our country celebrates 250 years!!!

God Bless

Frank Esposito, DGK

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From the Chancellor

Hello Brother Knights,

This is my first column as Chancellor. Brother Bob Du Mont has given us over a decade of service, and I look forward to his counsel as I step into the role. As my duties are just beginning, please let me know who is in need of our prayers! (My email is below.)

We have also been informed of the passing of our brother Robert Boyd. Brother Robert had 50 years of continuous service in the Knights. Please include him and his family in your prayers. The funeral took place in New York in May.

For any individual condolences please refer to following obituary website:

https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/name/robert-boyd-obituary?id=61548999&utm_source=copiedlink&utm_medium=web&utm_campaign=obitshare

Please pray for Brother Horace “Bud” Fichera’s speedy recovery. Soon Bishop Emilio Biosca Agüero will be installed. Please keep him and Bishop Dewane in your prayers, and let us continue to pray without ceasing for every Brother Knight who has passed into eternal rest, and for those of us who may be currently ill or facing hardship.

Vivat Jesus!

Jeremy Brown

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Please pray for the following brothers, family members, and significant others: Tony Almeida, Bob Dumont, Jim Culley, Jackie Erickson (daughter of brother Dave), Jack Horan, Horace “Bud” Fichera, Jes Jensen, Greg Mitchell, Ron Molinaro, Pat Neville, Jim Scialabba



July

Peter	J	Ennis	7/1	Fritz	M	Roka	7/24
Pat		Jaquinto	7/2	Lonnie	E	Fissori	7/26
Brian	K	Mc Cone	7/5	Gary	V	Crawford	7/29
Marco	A	Salomon	7/5	Leon	R	Quesnette	Jr 7/29
Terry	D	De Freeuw	7/9	William	B	Shikany	8/4
John	J	Uzdilla	7/9	James	W	Sauerwald	8/8
Todd	J	Junker	7/12	Henry	J	Pasterz	8/10
Anthony	J	Gilborges	Osfs 7/13	Russell	S	Klare	8/12
Christopher	G	Smyth	7/16	Michael	C	Bursztyn	8/15
Robert	F	Bogacz	7/17	John		Ryan	8/15
John	F	Colleli	7/18				
Robert		Lehman	7/21				
David	T	Spears	7/21				
Joseph	F	Roach	7/23				

In Case of Death: At the death of a Brother Knight, notify the Grand Knight or the next in charge, who will then contact the family and offer sympathy and help from the Council. The Council member contacting the family should ask whether a wake will be held and if so, whether the family would like the Council to do a rosary service. If a Mass will be offered, the family should be asked if they would like a resolution of condolence to be presented. Any ceremonial presentation requested should be done only with permission of the clergy. If the deceased Brother is a 4th Degree member, the Grand Knight will notify the Insurance Field Agent and the Faithful Navigator of the Assembly.

Grand Knight: Stefan Gehrold Email: dr.gehrold@yahoo.com. Telephone (239) 221-9181.

Please visit our website at <http://www.kofccouncil10498.org/> for additional information and upcoming events.

Please contact our Financial Secretary Ronald Kuhnen (715) 215-0408, kuhnen10498@gmail.com, to make updates to your personal profile (change of address, change or added phone, email address, etc.)

To add or delete from the prayer list above, or correct birthday and/or name please contact Patrick Becker.

E-mail: patbecker50@yahoo.com.